



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

Bill #	SB0392	Title:	Allow attendance at JP training by paying costs
Primary Sponsor:	O'Neil, Jerry	Status:	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2008 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. This bill requires open attendance at mandatory biannual training sessions for judges of courts of limited jurisdiction.
2. The Judicial Branch is unable to estimate how many additional people would wish to attend these sessions. Due to the increased attendance, the Judicial Branch could encounter problems with acquiring large enough facilities to accommodate all who wish to attend.
3. This bill allows the Judicial Branch to charge public persons a reasonable charge for attending the biannual training session. The legislation does not define "reasonable". The Judicial Branch assumes that it will prorate all costs incurred due to increased enrollment to each public person attending. This will cause a different fee to be charged to a limited court judge and a public person.
4. The Judicial Branch assumes all increased costs caused by this legislation will be recouped from the fees charged to the public. This would require an increase in state special revenue spending authority but the Judicial Branch is unable to estimate the total increase necessary. This legislation has no impact on general fund for the Judicial Branch.

Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:

1. Local governments currently pay for attendance of limited court judges at these training sessions. If costs increase due to increased enrollment, there would be a fiscal impact on these entities.

Technical Notes:

1. The Judicial Branch provides two training sessions each year for the 110 limited court judges. The conference facilities hosting the training sessions are selected several years in advance. The Judicial Branch enters into binding contracts with the conference facilities. If the number of people wishing to attend the sessions exceeds the capacity of the facility, the Judicial Branch will need to break the contracts and schedule a new facility, which may be costly and be difficult to do.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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